



Building Bright Futures

Responsibility:
make good choices
because your
actions matter

Respect:
value everyone
and everything in
how you listen,
speak and in what
you do

Compassion:
show care and
understanding for
everyone

Courage:
be brave; believe
you can

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Blackwell News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please take a few moments to read through this week's edition. It is absolutely packed with fun-filled learning, creative achievements, and outstanding sporting triumphs!

Here is a sneak peek of what's inside this week:

- * Sports Day Results: The wait is over—see which team took home the trophy!
- * Area Sports: Celebrating our fantastic athletes who did the whole school proud.
- * Abstract Art Gallery: A showcase of the striking masterpieces created in this week's Art Club.
- * Outdoor Mapping Workshop: Discover what we learned during our brilliant session with Rachel Bennington, the High Weald Education Officer.
- * Mythical Masterpieces: A closer look at our dramatic and detailed Medusa art.
- * Drama and Centre Stage: Highlights from Year 5's drama sessions and our Year 6 stars who performed like true professionals at the Chequer Mead Theatre.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sarah Martin
Headteacher

New Hot Meals Provider September 2026

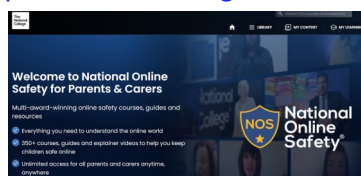
From September 2026, school meals at Blackwell Primary School will be provided by ISS Education, who are taking over from Chartwells as part of a new West Sussex County Council contract. ISS will be bringing exciting new menus and a brand new online ordering system to make managing school meals easier than ever for families. Great news on price too, meals will be just £2.95 per day, which is 25p less than the current charge. If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals then check the WSCC website and apply today www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/. To find out more about what's coming, including menus and how the new ordering system will work, visit www.feedwestsussex.co.uk. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact the school office.

Anti-racism

At Blackwell, we continue to promote an inclusive environment, in line with our Core Values and British Values, we have been learning about how to be Anti-racist and here is a short video we have watched and discussed: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zs9n2v4>.

Keep me safe online'

We want to help you to keep your child safe online, so please find below a couple of resources to support you. The QR Codes below provide you with easy access. Do take the time to have a quick look as there are step-by-step instructions, as well as short videos. www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/#choose-parental-controls-guide



Blackwell Sport

Sports Day 2026

On Monday 29th June, pupils, staff and families came together for a fantastic Sports Day, filled with fun, teamwork and sporting success.

The event began with a special opening ceremony, where our youngest pupils proudly carried team banners and waved flags as they entered the field. This colourful and celebratory start created a wonderful atmosphere and set the tone for an exciting day of competition.

During the morning, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils took part in a carousel of sporting activities, demonstrating great enthusiasm, determination and teamwork. Families cheered them on as they completed a variety of challenges designed to test their speed, balance, agility and coordination.

At lunchtime, families joined us for a picnic on the school grounds. It was lovely to see everyone enjoying time together in the sunshine and celebrating the children's achievements.

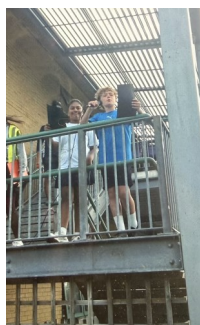
In the afternoon, Key Stage 2 pupils took to the field. After completing their carousel of sports activities, they competed in a series of sprint races, showcasing their speed, resilience and determination. The day concluded with the ever-popular relay races, providing an exciting finale and highlighting the importance of teamwork, encouragement and sportsmanship.

A huge thank you to all the families who attended and supported the day. We are incredibly proud of every pupil for their effort, enthusiasm and positive attitude, which helped make Sports Day 2026 such a memorable and successful occasion.

We are delighted to announce that Pearl won Sports Day this year. Well done everyone for taking part in such an enjoyable day.

Results

1. Pearl
2. Amber
3. Sapphire
4. Ruby
5. Emerald



Blackwell Sport

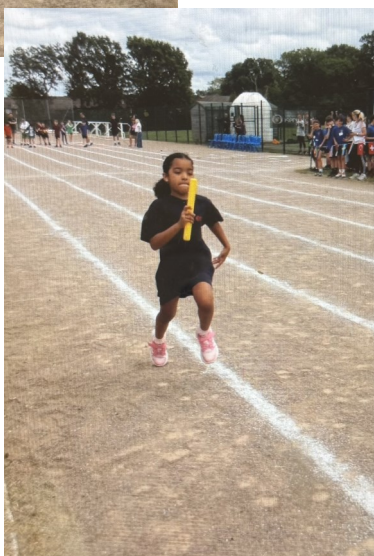
Area Sports

On Tuesday 30th June, twenty-nine Blackwell pupils proudly represented the school at the annual Area Sports Athletics Competition held at Sackville. With the sun shining and conditions perfect for athletics, the day provided an excellent opportunity for pupils to showcase their talent, determination and teamwork.

The children competed in a wide range of track and field events, including jumping, throwing, sprinting, long-distance races and relays.

They were exceptional ambassadors for Blackwell, consistently demonstrating our core values of respect, responsibility, compassion and courage.

We are delighted to announce that Blackwell achieved an impressive third-place finish overall. We are incredibly proud of all the pupils for their hard work, commitment and outstanding representation of our school. Well done to everyone involved.



Blackwell Art

In art club this week, we discussed the meaning of abstract art - art that does not try to represent an accurate depiction of visual reality. Instead, it uses shapes, colours, forms, and gestural marks to achieve its effect, capturing a feeling, concept, or mood rather than a literal object. We looked at examples and then the children explored colour and shapes creating some fantastic examples of abstract art.



Year R

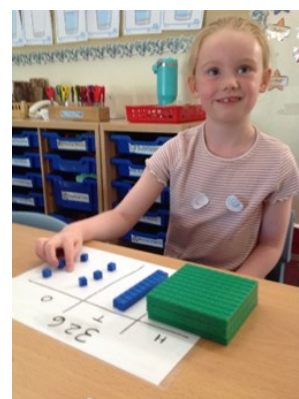
Squirrels Class had a fantastic time at their first sports day! We were so proud of the children's excellent sportsmanship, kindness, compassion and willingness to give every activity their best effort. It was wonderful to see them encouraging one another and celebrating each other's achievements. A big thank you to all the families who came along to support the children. The family picnic lunch made it a special occasion for everyone. We hope you all enjoyed the day as much as we did.



Year 1

Marvellous Maths

Year 1 have been working incredibly hard on place value recently. We have been focusing on counting forwards and backwards to 100, as well as mastering how to read and write numbers all the way to 50. To help us understand these big numbers, the children have been using practical resources like tens frames, base-10 blocks, and 100-squares to really see how numbers are made. In addition to place value, the children have been diving into fractions! They have been working hard on finding a half and a quarter of a quantity of objects. We've been practicing sharing out counters and cubes into two or four equal groups.

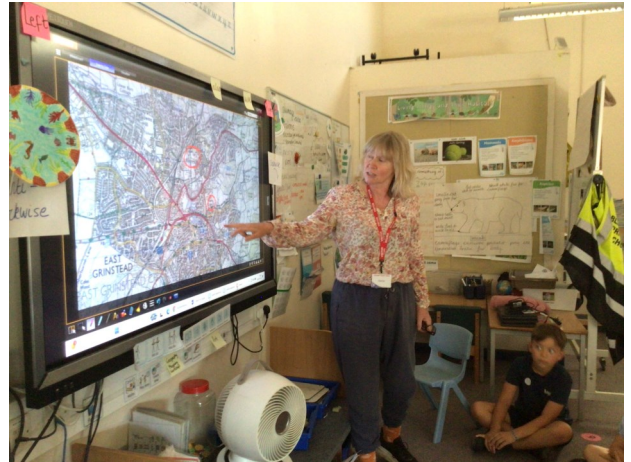


Year 2

This week in year 2 we have been fortunate enough to have a geographical outdoor mapping workshop led by Rachel Bennington the High Weald Education Officer. After listening to her tell us a story, the children used objects found in the field to make a 3D map of the different areas and landmarks mentioned in the story. They then had to retell the story mentioning all of the geographical landmarks and be able to identify if they were human or physical features. We then made a map of the playground focusing on using different symbols in the key to represent school landmarks. Finally, the session ended with a treasure hunt to find different objects where 'x' marks the spot.

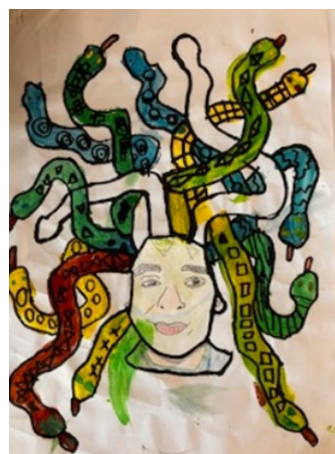


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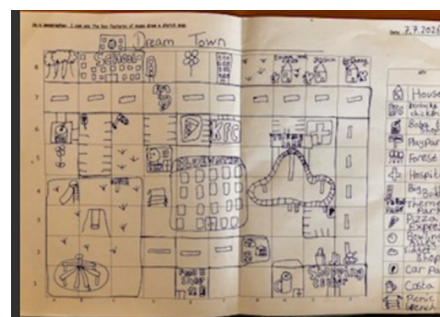
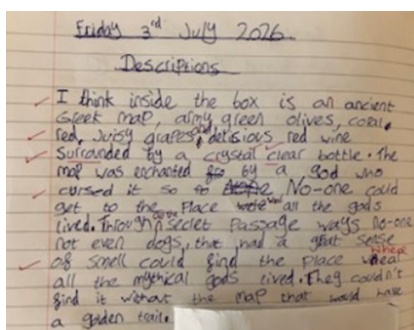


Year 3 & 4

In Art, we have been adding the finishing touches to our fabulous Medusa art! We have combined paint, line, pattern and drawing to create our Greek theme inspired pieces. Here are some of our examples:

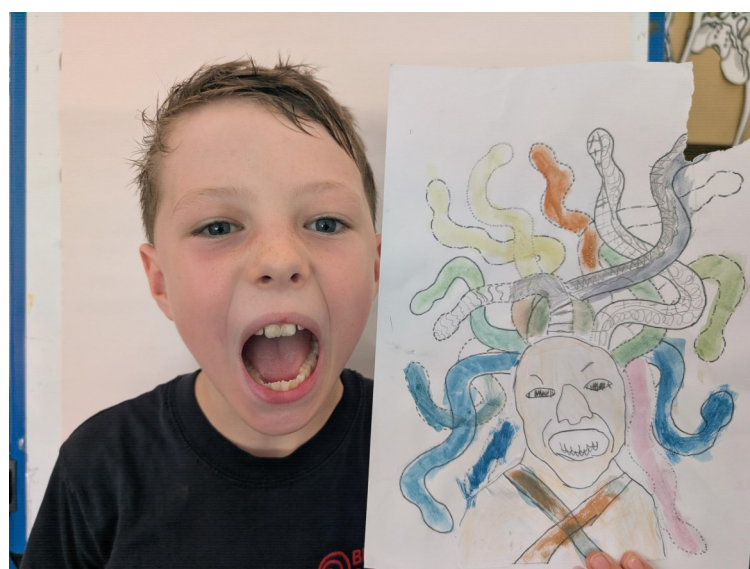
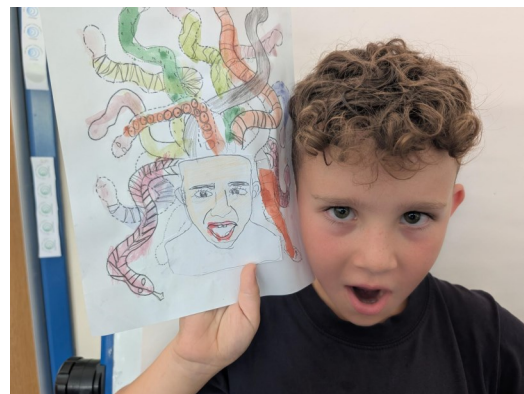


What's in the box? We have had mysterious boxes appear in our classrooms and we desperately want to know what is inside. We tried bribing our teachers with cups of tea but it hasn't worked. Instead we are going to persuade them by writing persuasive arguments and combine this with our oracy skills. We have also predicted what might be in the box and written some independent descriptive pieces which we shared with each other.



Year 3 & 4

Robins class brought Greek mythology to life by creating vibrant Medusa paintings! Exploring this iconic Ancient Greek topic, the class channelled their creativity into painting the infamous Gorgon and her snake-filled hair, drawing inspiration from historic masterpieces to design these brilliant, striking pieces of art. We also interviewed the mighty Gorgon to find out how she felt and what motivated her. She was very angry. we have loved learning about all things mythical.

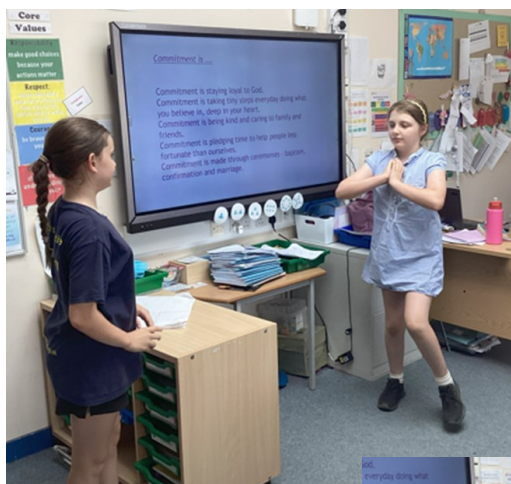


Year 5

In Year 5 we have been enjoying and exploring the book 'The Boy at the Back of the Class.' This text has inspired lots of creative discussion and allowed us to investigate how the main character, Ahmet, a refugee from Syria may have been feeling when he first joins his class in England.



In RE, Year 5 have been considering what commitment means, what it looks like to show commitment in our lives. The children are planning a poem to describe this and we acted out to the class the things we are committed to such as netball, football, looking after our pets, our families etc.



Year 6



Year 6 enjoyed two dress rehearsals this week in front of the whole school (who were a very appreciative audience)!

Our actors sang, danced and performed for the school ready for our paying audience of parents and carers on Wednesday evening at Chequer Mead theatre.

A huge well done to all of our children for working so hard and a big thank you to staff and supporters for giving time, energy, skills and resources to make it all come together and allowing us to put on a great show!



To celebrate the end of their primary school journey, a special pizza and rounders afternoon will be held for our Year 6 pupils on **Monday, 20th July**. Please ensure you complete the separate Google Form by **Wednesday, 15th July**.

Our Leavers' Assembly will take place on **Wednesday, 22nd July at 2:00 pm** in the school hall. We look forward to welcoming you. On this final day, children can bring a spare, clearly labelled school t-shirt and a marker pen for signing. If you would like to send these into school early so they aren't forgotten, please feel free to do so!

July 2026

13th	New Reception Children Stay and Play session 9.30—10.30am
14th	Year 1—Walk around town a.m.
17th	PTA Colour Run
22nd	Year 6 Leaver's Assembly 2.00pm—3.00pm—parents invited Last day of term
23rd -	Summer Holidays—School closed to children

September 2026

1st	INSET Day School closed to children
2nd	Children back to school for Years 1-6
2nd—7th	Home visits for New Reception children
8th	New Reception children first day—going home for lunch
9th	New Reception children lunch at school and then home for the afternoon
10th	New Reception children start full time

October 2026

2nd	Whole school Flu vaccine
5th	Individual and family photos
11th Sunday	Primary Schools Cross Country
26th—30th	Half term—School closed to children

November 2026

2nd	INSET Day School closed to children
3rd	Children back to school